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"LOVE'S PENALTY"

Synopsis.

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"Mother" Clayton and her two daughters Janis and Sally are the happiest family in the suburb of Westhavens. Janis happy because of a natural smiling disposition with the added contentment of the love of Bud Morgan, a young mechanic, and because of the progress she is making in her position as model and salesgirl in a smart dressmaking establishment. Sally's happiness is also based upon love for her employer Steven Saunders, general manager of the Ocean Steamship Co., whom she expects to wed.

Sally spends a Sunday with Saunders at his ocean side bungalow. A storm holds them there for the night. She returns home in the morning distraught from the night's happenings, but solaced somewhat that her marriage to Saunders will occur within a few months. But Saunders seizes the opportunity of marrying the daughter of the president of the Steamship Company. On the day of the wedding Sally is found dead from poison. "Mother" Clayton survives her but a week.

Janis holds Saunders responsible for the suffering and death of her two loved ones as well as her own sorrow. She dedicates herself to revenge. Bud's pleading for marriage are met with "Not until the slayer of my sister and mother has suffered the same as he deserves."

Mrs. Saunders is a patron of the shop in which Janis is employed. Janis cultivates her until Mrs. Saunders will have no one but her bring gowns to her home. A chance meeting with Saunders there gives her the opportunity of seeking work in his office, and her pretty face makes him answer affirmatively. Diligence carries her to the position of private secretary to him. Her chance for revenge comes three years after her sister's death.

Mrs. Saunders and their two year old son, whom Saunders idolizes, have gone abroad. Saunders gives his fascination for Janis full sway and showers her with attentions and invitations. Morgan cannot believe she is but playing with him and breaks with her. She accepts an invitation to dine with Saunders alone at his home. When the dinner is almost completed Janis leaps to her feet, rips her clothing, dishevels her hair. Then her pent up hatred bursts forth.

She intends to ruin him socially, and possibly financially, because of his father-in-law, and declare that he has attacked her while they were at dinner!

Saunders, half drunk, realizes her earnestness, and decides to have the dance if he has to pay the piper. Janis is near the end of a losing fight, when a newsboy's voice from the street announces the sinking of the S.S. Dorian with all on board.

The Dorian is the crack liner of Saunders' company and has taken a dangerous route to establish a speed record - and his wife and son were returning home on it.

Saunders is crazed and turns on Janis as the cause of his woes. Janis is almost exhausted in eluding him when a shot sounds outside the door, a crash of glass, and Saunders receives a death wound.

A Bohemian artist whose wife and baby have been on the Dorian has taken direct and summary vengeance on the man responsible for the disaster.

Janis is a lonesome outcast. She finally finds refuge in the home of a clergyman, who gives her a home and soon learns her story and divines her great

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love for Morgan, which had been overshadowed by the loss of her sister and mother.

Then on Christmas Eve arrives the one present that could bring Janis happiness - Bud Morgan.

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